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§ 221.1 The U.S. Postal Service.

(a) The U.S. Postal Service has been established as an independent establishment within the executive branch of the Government of the United States under the provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of August 12, 1970, Pub. L. 91-375, 84 Stat. 719.

(b) As a complement to the information in the regulations in this part, a concise statement of the organization of the Postal Service can be found in the United State Government Organization Manual.

[38 FR 20403, July 31, 1973]

§ 221.2 Board of Governors of the Postal Service.

(a) The Board of Governors directs the exercise of the powers of the Postal Service; reviews the practices and policies of the Postal Service; and directs and controls its expenditures.

(b) For composition of the Board of Governors, see § 3.1 of this chapter.

[38 FR 20403, July 31, 1973, as amended at 51 FR 40796, Nov. 10, 1986]

§ 221.3 Postmaster General.

(a) The Postmaster General (PMG) is the chief executive officer of the Postal Service and is responsible for its overall operation. The PMG is named and can be removed by a majority of the nine Governors.

(b) The Postmaster General determines appeals from the actions of staff and department heads, except that in cases where the PMG has delegated authority to make a decision to a subordinate, such subordinate may also determine appeals within the authority delegated.

(c) The Board of Governors has directed that the Postmaster General exercise the powers of the Postal Service to the extent that such exercise does not conflict with power reserved to the Board by law. The Postmaster General is authorized to direct any officer, em-

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ployee, or agent of the Postal Service to exercise such of the PMG's powers as the PMG deems appropriate. For the direction of the Board of Governors that the Postmaster General exercise the powers of the Postal Service, see §§ 3.5 and 4.3 of this chapter.

[38 FR 20403, July 31, 1973, as amended at 43 FR 29117, July 6, 1978; 45 FR 43718, June 30, 1980; 51 FR 40796, Nov. 10, 1986]

§ 221.4 Deputy Postmaster General.

(a) The Deputy Postmaster General is the alternate chief executive officer of the Postal Service. The Deputy is appointed and can be removed by the Postmaster General and the Governors. The Deputy is a voting member of the Board of Governors.

(b) The Deputy Postmaster General is required to perform all tasks as assigned by the Postmaster General. The Deputy acts as Postmaster General in the Postmaster General's absence or whenever a vacancy exists in the Office of Postmaster General.

(c) For delineation of authority of the Deputy Postmaster General by the Board of Governors see § 4.4 of this chapter.

[38 FR 20403, July 31, 1973, as amended at 41 FR 16941, Apr. 23, 1976; 43 FR 29117, July 6, 1978; 45 FR 43718, June 30, 1980]

§ 221.5 Associate Postmasters General.

(a) The Associate Postmasters General are appointed and can be removed by the Postmaster General.

(b) The Associate Postmasters General are required to perform all tasks as assigned by the Postmaster General.

[54 FR 29706, July 14, 1989]

§ 221.6 Groups and departments.

(a) Postal Service Headquarters is divided into five major groups: Operations Support, Finance, Human Resources, Marketing and Communications, and Administrative Services. Each group is headed by a Senior Assistant Postmaster General (SAPMG). The SAPMG for Finance reports directly to the Postmaster General. The SAPMG for Operations Support reports directly to the Deputy Postmaster

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General. The SAPMGs for Human Resources, Marketing and Communications, and Administrative Services report directly to the Associate Postmaster General (Systems). The SAPMGs are responsible for the following activities within their assigned areas:

(1) Program planning, direction, and review;

(2) Establishment of policies, procedures, and standards; and

(3) Operational determinations not within the full jurisdiction of field officers.

(b) Groups are divided into departments or offices headed by either Assistant Postmasters General (APMGs) or Directors. The heads of these departments and offices report to and are responsible for assisting the SAPMGs in carrying out their assigned activities.

(c) Certain other Headquarters units report directly to the Postmaster General. These include the Inspection Service Department, headed by the Chief Postal Inspector; the Law Department, headed by the General Counsel, and the Planning Department, headed by an Assistant Postmaster General. The Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General also reports to the Postmaster General.

(d)(1) The Senior Management Committee establishes Postal Service direction and policy, initiates and monitors key programs, prioritizes resource utilization, and serves as the review and approval body for all major plans, programs, and projects. It fosters cross-functional cooperation and develops the strategic plans for the Postal Service.

(2) The Senior Management Committee is made up of the following: The Postmaster General, the Deputy Postmaster General, Associate Postmasters General, the Senior Assistant Postmasters General, General Counsel, Chief Postal Inspector, Assistant Postmaster General, Planning (Secretariat), Assistant Postmaster General, Communications (Observer), Assistant Postmaster General, Government Relations (Observer), Executive Assistant to the Postmaster General (Observer), Secretary to the Board of Governors (Observer), Field Executive (Rotational Basis).

(e) Statements of the functions of the various groups, departments, and offices can be found in Part 224 of this chapter.

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§ 221.7 Postal Regions.

(a) There are five Postal Regions. Each region is headed by a Regional Postmaster General (RPMG) who reports to the Deputy Postmaster General, and has overall responsibility for operational activities (except those reserved to Headquarters) of the Postal Service within the region.

(b) Each RPMG's office includes five functions—Operations Support, Marketing and Communications, Finance, Planning, and Human Resources. Each regional function is headed by a Regional Director who reports to the RPMG.

(c)(1) Postal regions are composed of field divisions headed by field division general managers/postmasters whose organizational units are in turn composed of management sectional centers (MSCs) headed by MSC managers or MSC managers/postmasters, and bulk mail centers (BMCs) headed by BMC managers.

(2) Each field division general manager/postmaster reports to the RPMG, and has line responsibility for postal activities (except those reserved to Headquarters associate offices) in the division area, the MSCs, associate offices, and BMCs within the division area.

(3) Each MSC manager/postmaster reports to a field division general manager/postmaster, and has line responsibility for postal activities (except those reserved to Headquarters and field divisions) within the MSC area.

(4) Each BMC manager reports to a field division general manager/postmaster, and has line responsibility for postal activities (except those reserved to Headquarters and field divisions) within the BMC.

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§ 221.8 Officers.

(a) Except for the Chief Postal Inspector, officers serve at the pleasure